

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Beaver -

The petition of James Taylor of the County of Beaver, Humbly Sheweth, That your petitioner arrived in the United States in the year 1844 and has continued to reside within the state of Pennsylvania at least five years; that he will support the constitution of the United States; and that he doth absolutely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, particularly to the Queen of England to whom he was heretofore a subject; that he hath never borne any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom from whence he came, and is ready ~~to~~ to declare on oath the truth of these things, and prays to be admitted a Citizen of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Beaver County ss

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said County on the sixth day of September AD 1857 before the Hon. Wm B. McClure, President, and John Carothers & Joseph Irwin Esqrs. Associate Judges of the same Court, Came James Taylor and being sworn according to law saith that what he has set forth in the above petition is the truth; and that he doth renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate or Sovereignty whatever, particularly to the Queen of England and will support the Constitution of the United States

Sworn in Open Court

James Taylor